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TOWN OF BENTON, NH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

		Term	Exp. Date
Board of Selectmen:	Judith Richwagen	3 yrs.	2001
	Jeremy Elliott	3 yrs.	2002
	Marjorie L. Robitzer	3 yrs.	2003
Moderator:	John Elliott, Jr.	2 yrs.	2002
Town Clerk:	Lyn Bandy	1 yr.	2001
Treasurer:	Diane Roden	1 yr.	2001
Auditor:	Richard Dickenson	1 yr.	2001
Tax Collector:	Sharon Edwards	1 yr.	2001
Supervisors of the Checklist:	Arthur Christopher	3 yrs.	2001
	Carol Miles	3 Yrs.	2002
	Katherine Elliott	3 Yrs.	2003
Surveyors of Wood & Lumber:	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	1 yr.	2001
Ballot Clerk:	Steven Saffo	1 yr.	2001
Ballot Inspector:	Kate Goodwin	1 yr.	2001
Trustees of the Trust Funds:	Daniel Elliott	3 yrs.	2001
	Althea Hymer -moved	3 Yrs.	2002
	Jeffrey Elliott	3 Yrs.	2003
Planning Board:	Jeffrey Elliott	5 Yrs.	2001
	John Richwagen	5 Yrs.	2002
	Kenneth Kealey	5 Yrs.	2003
	Richard Saffo, Sr.	5 Yrs.	2004
(Ex officio member)	Jeremy Elliott, Selectman		
Sexton:	William J. Harris	1 Yr.	2001
Police Officer:	Stefan Cimikowski - appointed by Selectmen		

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

'STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON SS TOWN OF BENTON

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE BENTON COMMUNITY BUILDING IN SAID BENTON ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF MARCH NEXT, THE 13TH, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING TO VOTE AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ARTICLE 1 TO CHOOSE A TOWN CLERK, A TREASURER, A TAX COLLECTOR, AN AUDITOR, A BALLOT CLERK, A BALLOT INSPECTOR, A SEXTON AND A SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, A SELECTMAN, TWO SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST AND TWO TRUSTEES OF THE THE TRUST FUNDS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND ANY OTHER AGENTS OR OFFICERS NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

ARTICLE 2 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS AS PRINTED.

ARTICLE 3 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $5,000 TO BE ADDED TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR ROADS.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 4 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $2,800 TO BE ADDED TO THE $5,200 FROM THE Y2K FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING PARKING SPACE AND ENLARGING THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY AS PRESENTED BY THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE 5 TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $77,013, WHICH REPRESENTS THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2001. SAID SUM INCLUDES ARTICLE 3, BUT NO OTHER SPECIAL OR INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES.

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE.

A TRUE COPY - ATTEST
SELECTMEN OF BENTON

Marjorie L. Robitzer
MARJORIE L. ROBITZER

Judith A Richwagen
JUDITH A RICHWAGEN

Jeremy Elliott
JEREMY ELLIOTT

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS
Estimate of Expenditures

Category	Approp. 2000	Expend 2000	Proposed 2001
Selectmen & Expenses	$1,700	$1,500	$1,700
Elections	1,400	1,431	1,000
Financial Administration	4,500	4,273	5,000
Legal Expenses	2,000	136	1,000
Planning Board	200		200
Community Building	2,000	6,918	2,200
Plus cost of new roof - State Y2K Fund	4,300		
Cemeteries	500	500	500
Insurance	2,200	1,637	2,000
Regional Associations	850	824	850
Police Protection	2,325	1,765	3,325
Emergency Dispatch Service			
Fire, Ambulance & Police			863
Ambulance	2,525	2,875	2,875
Fire Protection	2,500	2,500	2,500
Roads	35,000	36,508	35,000
Social Services	2,100	1,225	2,000
To CRF - Roads	10,000	10,000	5,000
Interest	1,000		1,000
For total re-evaluation of all Benton real estate			10,000
Totals	$75,100	$72,092	$77,013

Additions

Subtractions

Warrant Articles

Final Figures

As to Y2K Fund; $2,500 was included in the general account - To cover FEMA funds that were not received from the state. $4,300 was spent for our new roof. The remainder, as was discussed at Town Meeting last March, $5,200 was reserved for the use of the Cemetery Committee and their plan for enlarging Mt. View Cemetery.

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS
Estimate of Revenue

Sources of Revenue:	Est 2000	Rec 2000	Est 2001
Yield Taxes	$10,000	$10,619	$10,000
Interest & Penalties on on delinquent taxes	2,000	5,657	5,000
Land Use Change Tax	----	----	----
Motor Vehicle Registrations	27,500	29,630	28,000
Building permits, other licenses, permits & fees	225	439	300
Federal & State, WMNF, in lieu of taxes	15,500	17,792	16,500
State of New Hampshire:			
Shared Revenue	1,600	1,605	1,605
Rooms & Meals Dist.	6,000	7,010	6,000
Highway Bloc Grant	9,908	9,908	10,568
Dividend. NHMA	----	9	9
Income from Trust Funds	280	274	387
Dog Licenses & Fines	500	534	500
Interest on Deposits	1,000	793	1,000
Totals	$74,513	$84,270	$79,869

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

Category	Approp.	Expended	Unexpended	Overdraft
Selectmen & Expenses	$1,700	$1,500	$200	
Elections	1,400	1,431		31
Financial Administration	4,500	4,273	227	
Legal and Damages	2,000	136	1,864	
Planning Board	200		200	
Community Building	6,300	6,918		618
Cemeteries	500	500		
Insurance	2,200	1,637	563	
Regional Associations	850	824	26	
Police Protection	2,325	1,765	560	
Ambulance	2,525	2,875		350
Fire Protection	2,500	2,500		
Roads	35,000	36,508		1,508
Social Services	2,100	1,225	875	
To CRF for Roads	10,000	10,000		
Interest	1,000		1,000	
	$75,100	$72,092	$5,515	$2,507

Unexpended funds less overdraft covering: $3,008

Treasurer's Report

Received from Tax Collector:		
Property taxes, lien redemptions	1997	$10,554.02
Interest and costs		3,856.42
		$14,410.44
Property taxes, lien redemptions	1998	$5,073.37
Interest and costs		894.07
		$5,967.44
Property taxes, lien redemption	1999	$15,754.45
Yield Tax		10,738.96
Interest and costs		913.39
Lien Redemptions		366.16
		$27,772.96
Property taxes	2000	$155,552.24
Prepayments for Year 2001		12.50
		$155,564.74
Total from Tax Collector		$203,715.58
Received from the Town Clerk:		
Motor Vehicle Permits		$29,445.00
Motor Vehicles		65.00
Motor Vehicle Transfers		123.00
Vital Statistics - State of New Hampshire		274.00
Dog Licenses issued		444.00
Dog License Penalties		90.00
Total from Town Clerk		$30,441.00
Received from the Selectmen:		
Pistol Permits		30.00
Current Use Filing		12.33
Building Permits		$195.00
Overpayment to SAU from 1999		19,661.28
Sale of Kitchen Stove from Town Hall		125.00
Town Hall Rental		25.00
(Repaid) deposit in error to Beautify Benton Commil		97.50
Dividend - NHMA		9.16
Selectmen		18.96
Cash - To cover OD checks		55.00
Total from Selectmen		$20,229.23

Treasurer's Report (cont'd)

Received from State & Federal Sources	
State of New Hampshire - Revenue Sharing	$1,605.00
State of New Hampshire - Highway Bloc Grant	9,908.40
State of New Hampshire - Rooms & Meals Tax	7,010.43
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service In lieu of taxes	17,792.00
Total	$36,315.83
Transfer from Yield Account	$10,130.51
Received from Trustess of the Trust Fund	
Cemetery upkeep funds	$200.81
Funds for roads	87.77
Funds for schools	97.38
Total	$385.96
Total receipts for 2000	$301,218.11
Cash on hand as of 1/1/00	31,836.82
Bank interest	792.56
	$333,847.49
Less Selectmen's orders for 2000	$155,615.06
Year-end Total Cash	$178,232.43

Acct. 30502 - Yield Account:	
Cash on hand - 1/1/00	$12,275.31
Total Deposits	8,368.80
Interest	152.99
	$20,797.10
Withdrawal	10130.51
Year-end Balance	$10,666.59

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Roden, Treasurer

Detailed Statement of Payments
By The Selectmen

Selectmen:

Salaries:	Judith Richwagen	$400.00
	Jeremy Elliott	400.00
	Marjorie L. Robitzer	600.00
Expenses:	Notices (2)	100.00
		$1,500.00

Elections and Registrations:

Notices		$172.00
Supervisors of the Checklist:	Arthur Christopher	$228.60
	Debra McKean	41.20
	Carol Miles	175.10
	Katherine Elliott	149.35
Moderator:	John G. Elliott	139.05
Town Clerk:	Lyn Bandy	133.90
Ballot Clerks:	Katie Goodwin	41.20
	Steven Saffo	36.05
	Maxine Tyler	87.55
Selectmen:	Jeremy Elliott	61.80
	Judith Richwagen	30.90
	Marjorie Robitzer	133.90
		$1,430.60

Financial Administration:

Salaries:	Diane Roden, Treas	$400.00
	Sharon Edwards, Tax Coll.	400.00
	Lyn Bandy, Town Clerk	400.00
	Richard Dickenson, Auditor	100.00
	Joseph Boutin, Jr. , Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	200.00
Town Report:		655.00
Town Clerk Fees:		242.50
Dog Boarding & Euthanasia, Dr. Edwin Blaisdell:		75.00
General Office Expenses:		1800.69
		$4,273.19

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont'd)

Legal Fees and Damages:	$135.58
Community Building:	
Telephone Services:	$340.67
Electricity:	346.29
Fuel Oil:	1202.73
Material for Repairs:	153.31
Plumber, Filion:	550.25
Rubbish Removal:	25.00
New Roof, Shawn McKean:	4300.00
	$6,918.25
Cemeteries:	
William J. Harris:	$500.00
Insurance and Bonds:	$1,637.00
Regional Associations:	
N.H. Assoc. Of Assessing Officials:	$20.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc.	500.00
North Country Council	263.83
N.H. Assoc. Of Tax Collectors	20.00
N.H. Town Clerks Assoc.	20.00
	$823.83
Police Account	
Equipment	$139.95
N.H. Chiefs of Police Assoc.	75.00
Vehicle Costs	1500.00
Salary	50.00
	$1,764.95
Ambulance	$2,875.00
Fire Protection	
Twin Mountain Mutual Aid	$1,000.00
Haverhill Corner Fire Co.	750.00
North Haverhill Fire Co.	750.00
	$2,500.00

Detailed Statement of Payments (cont'd)

Roads

Summer Maintenance	$6,810.00
Winter Maintenance	27,182.00
Materials and Supplies	2,515.50
	$36,507.50

Social Services

Direct Assistance	$200.00
North Country Home Health	300.00
Tri-County Community Action	175.00
Grafton County Sr. Citizens Council	250.00
White Mountain Mental Health	300.00
	$1,225.00

Taxes Brought By The Town	$3,945.74
Abatements and Refunds	$659.58
Deposited to Capital Reserve Fund For Roads	$10,000.00

State of New Hampshireinterest

Vital Records	$274.00
Animal Population Control	126.00
	$400.00

County Tax	$23,366.00
Schools	$55,152.84
Total Checks Written	$155,615.06

Selectmen of Benton

Marjorie L. Robitzer

Marjorie L. Robitzer

Judith Richwagen

Judith Richwagen

Jeremy Elliott

Jeremy Elliott

TOWN OF BENTON
Tax Collector's Report - 2000

2000

	Cr.	Dr.
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes		$197,538.32
Yield Taxes		10,618.76
Property Tax Overpayment		12.50
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	$155,552.24	
Yield Taxes	10,618.76	
Property Tax Overpayment	12.50	
SubTotal	$166,171.00	
Taxes Uncollected at Year-end	$41,986.08	
Totals	$208,169.58	$208,169.58

1999

	Cr	Dr
Taxes Uncollected at Beginning of Year		$15,804.45
Yield Taxes		120.20
Interest on Delinquent Taxes & Costs		906.83
Taxes Collected & Sent to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	$11,808.71	
Penalties	906.83	
Yield Taxes	120.20	
Conversion to lien	3,945.74	
Abatements	50.00	
Totals	$16,831.48	$16,831.48

TOWN OF BENTON
Tax Collector's Report - 2000 (Cont'd)

1999

		Cr.	Dr.
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year			$3,945.74
Interest & Costs Collected (After lien execution)			6.56
Interest & Costs Included in Lien			593.95
Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions		$366.16	
Interest & Costs Collected (After lien execution)		6.56	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at End of Year		4,173.53	
	Totals	$4,546.25	$4,546.25

1998

Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of Year			$7,651.80
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution			894.07
Interest & Costs Included in Lien			1,014.94
Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions		$5,073.37	
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution		894.07	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at End of Year		3,593.37	
	Totals	$9,560.81	$9,560.81

1997

Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beginning of Year			$10,554.02
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution			3,856.42
Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions		$10,554.02	
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution		3856.42	
	Totals	$14,410.44	$14,410.44

TOWN OF BENTON

Report of the Town Clerk - 2000

Motor Vehicle Permits issued: (357)		$30,130.00
Dog Licenses Issued & Fines Collected:		563.50
Certified Copies, Record Searches, Marriage Licenses and other Misc. Fees		379.00
	Total	$31,072.50

Submitted to the Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicles		$29,633.00
Dog Licenses and Fines		534.00
Copies, Record Search, Marriage Licenses and other miscelaneous fees		274.00
	Total	$30,441.00

Retained by the Town Clerk:		
Motor Vehicles		$497.00
Dog Licenses		29.50
Copies, Record Searches, Marriage Licenses and other miscelaneous fees		105.00
	Total	$631.50

NOTE - License Your Dogs By Apr. 30th

IF DOG IS OVER 3 MONTHS OLD

MALE $9.00 FEMALE $9.00

NEUTERED MALE $6. SPAYED FEMALE $6.50

OWNER OVER 65 $2.00

$25.00 Forfeit if not licensed by June 1st. RSA 466:13

IMPORTANT! BE SURE TO BRING RABIES CERTIFICATE.

Licenses available from Lyn Bandy, your Town Clerk

Report from The Town Clerk's Office
2000-2001

This year I issued 62 individual dog licenses and 2 kennel licenses.

The new storage closet in my office is excellent. I am slowly organizing old records and using protective folders on all small, fragile records.

The converted and renewed bathroom is lovely and convenient. Thank you Judy, Diana, John and Marge.

Thank you Stephanie for your summer planters, dried flower arrangements and the holiday wreath. Also, your work in capturing the town's history through stories and pictures is a forever project. We are all grateful.

The "Beautify Benton Committee" has put new life in our town. Revenues from two huge yard and bake sales, a raffle and contributions made possible the purchase of 8 new tables and folding chairs for the hall. The committee has cleaned up the kitchen and acquired a refrigerator and a better stove. They had a "Christmas Memory Tree" and a pot luck supper to honor the townspeople who have served in office for ten years or more. Thank you Veronica, Debra, Betty, Judy, Diana, Debbie and anyone on the committee I may have missed.

I love to see the town hall being used. It is so nice to see the 4H projects. Above all, I enjoy the energy and laughter that is the core of Benton.

This has been a good year, and I look forward to the next!

Lyn Bandy

Animal Control Report

At this time, we want to thank all of you for your support and assistance during the past year. It was a busy, but good year. We had no rabies cases, due, I believe, to everyone being sensible and careful. Dog bite incidents are also down. Please accept our thanks for your good care of your animals. We hope this trend continue. If you need us, call 989-5870. We do apologize for any delay in returning calls. We are part-time and handle many calls. Here is a quick summary of calls handled in the year 2000:

Loose and stray dogs	6
Missing Dogs	1
Dogs needing homes	1
Animal welfare investigations	2

Linda Smith & George Cataldo

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 2000

Funds donated to the Town of Benton are in the custody of the Trustees. Donations are distributed as specified by the donors. Funds received during the year are deposited in a savings account until they can be transferred to a Certificate of Deposit. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, N.H. holds all funds.

Year 2000 Donations

Annie Boutin	$120.00	
Richard & Heidi Boutin	$60.00	
Richard Dickenson	$100.00	
Shawn McKean	$60.00	
Total		$340.00

Status of Funds is as follows:

Principal Amount of Regular Trust Fund	
CD# 708716	$7,695.70
Savings Account #617453	$11,103.44
(designated for Hwy. Fund)	$10,000.00
Capital Reserve Fund - Highways (int. incl)	$8,028.11
Capital Reserve Fund - Fires (int. incl)	$4,137.29
Capital Reserve Fund - School	$30,618.29

Distributions at the end of 2000:

For cemetery use	$200.81	
For the schools	$97.38	
For the highway account	$87.77	
Total		$385.96

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Elliott

Jeffrey Elliott

Road Report

The year started off with a lack of snow to cover ditches and culverts which caused some problems with ice most of the winter and with spring run-off. The rest of the year was fairly common with just the usual graveling, grading, repair of culverts and general maintenance.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Elliott

Schedule of Non-Taxable Property

Town of Benton:		
Tunnel Stream Bridge Corner	0.3 acres	$690
Parker Field	1.3 acres	2,990
Mountain View Cemetery	0.9 acres	2,070
High Street Cemetery	0.6 acres	1,380
East Cemetery	0.3 acres	690
Old Town Hall Lot	0.05 acres	110
North Benton Union Society Lot	0.7 acres	1,610
Benton Town Hall, Land & Building	0.2 acres	203,960
Furnishings & Equipment		6,500
Benton Bible Chapel, Parsonage	1.7 acres	56,450
Benton Bible Chapel	1.4 acres	130,260
State of New Hampshire:		
LaBounty Home	0.5 acres	1,150
N.H. Home for the Elderly	107.0 acres	722,260
State Forest Division	401.0 acres	128,320
United States Dept. of Agriculture:		
U.S. Forest Service	23,658.8 acres	7,570,820
Totals	24,174.8 acres	$8,829,260

TOWN OF BENTON
Summary of Inventory Valuation

Land, Improved and Unimproved:	
Under "Current Use" - 2,033.0 acres	$156,060
Conservation Restriction - 371.3 acres	7,425
(Ad valorem value, both items $968,315)	
Remaining Land	3,297,565
Total of Taxable Land	$3,461,050
Tax Exempt and Non-taxable Land - 24,174.8 acres	$8,822,760
Tax Exempt Buildings	$970,310
Housing:	
Residential and Allied Buildings	$5,151,060
Manufactured Housing (per RSA 674:31)	530,080
Total of Taxable Buildings	$5,681,140
Public Utilities:	
New England Hydro-Transmission	$875,189
New England Power Co.	33,948
New Hampshire Elec. Co-op	309,229
Total	$1,218,366
Total Assessments:	$10,360,556
Less Elderly Exemptions (5)	50,000
Total	$10,310,556
Plus Inventory Penalties	$140
Less Veteran's Exemptions	$894
Total	$10,309,802
State Education Tax @ 6.58	
Local Education Tax Rate @ 10.73	
County Tax @ 2.24	
Town Tax @ .31	
Total Tax Commitment	$196,361

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputies who assist Forest Rangers with fire suppression. prevention and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the year 2000 fire season was below average as referred in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to local fire departments for prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Dept. to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Div. of Forest and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217 or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols, and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES

2000 FIRE STATISTICS (All fires reported thru 11-10-2000)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY	
Belknap	54 - (13 acres)
Carroll	46 - (10 acres)
Cheshire	41 - (20 acres)
Coos	30 - (4 acres)
Grafton	16 - (7 acres)
Hillsborough	118 - (40 acres)
Merrimack	92 - (16 acres)
Rockingham	49 - (24 acres)
Strafford	58 - (13 acres)
Sullivan	12 -(2 acres)
Fires in 2000	516 - (149 total acres involved)
Fires in 1999	1301 - (452 total acres involved)
Fires in 1998	798 - (443 total acres involved)

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous*	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfires	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

*Misc. (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)

Benton Forest Fire Wardens
William J. Harris
Albert Boutin, Jr.

TOWN MEETING
BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 14, 2000

Called to order by Moderator, John Elliott, Jr. at 7:00 P.M. - Lyn Bandy, Town Clerk

Motion to recess to school meeting. Reconvened at 8:09 P.M.

Article 1

To choose a Town Clerk, a Treasurer, a Tax collector, an Auditor, a Ballot clerk, a Ballot Inspector, a Sexton and a Surveyor of Wood and Lumber for the term of one year, a Moderator for a term of two years, a Selectman, a Supervisor of the Checklist, and a Trustee of the Trust 'Funds for a term of three years and a Member of the Planning Board for a term of four years. plus any other officers or agents for for the ensuing year.

The following town officers were elected (by the clerk or moderator casting 1 ballot after a voice vote.)

Board of Selectmen (1)	Marjorie Robitzer
Moderator:	John Elliott, Jr.
Town Clerk:	Lyn Bandy
Treasurer:	Diana Roden
Tax Collector:	Sharon Edwards
Auditor:	Richard Dickenson
Ballot Clerk:	Steve Saffo
Ballot Inspector:	Kate Goodwin
Sexton:	Bill Harris
Sexton Assistant:	Marty Noble
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber:	Joe Boutin, Jr.
Supervisor of the Checklist: (3 yrs)	Katie Elliott
Trustee of the Trust Funds: (3 yrs)	Jeff Elliott
Planning Board: (4yrs)	Richard Saffo, Sr.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed.

The town voted to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed.

Article 3

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for roads.

Moved, seconded and accepted by voice vote.

Article 4

To discuss the possible uses for the $12,000 which was sent to the Town of Benton for Y2K assistance.

The following suggestions were made and accepted:

1. To return money to the General Fund in the amount of $2,500 which represents the amount that the town was not reimbursed be FEMA for road repair costs.

2. To get bids on replacing the roof of the Benton Town Hall and to proceed with this project as soon as possible.

3. To apply the remaining balance to the costs of expanding the Mt. View Cemetery by incorporating the Parker Field with Mt. View

Article 5

To discuss adding the so-called "Parker Field" to the Mountain View Cemetery and to touch on the physical changes necessary, the financial needs of the project and the necessity of organizing a Cemetery Committee.

The following people asked to be on the Cemetery Committee

Lyn Bandy, Veronica Saffo, Katie Elliott, Marty Noble
Ken Kealy, Ian Hymer and Danny Elliott

Article 6

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,800 which represents the operating budget for the year 2000. Said sum includes Article 3, but no other special or individual articles.

Move, seconded and passed by voice vote

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M. All officers were sworn in at the closing.

A true copy - Attest

Lyn Bandy, Town Clerk
Benton New Hampshire

VITAL STATISTICS

Births:

April 26, 2000	Gabrielle Ellena Harris, daughter of Richard and Kristina Harris. Born in Littleton, N.H.

Marriages:

January 1, 2000	Siegfried Schulze and Cynthia A. Smith in Benton, N.H.
July 1, 2000	David W. White and Bonnie Lee Scarpa in Carroll, N.H
July 22, 2000	Samuel A. Gregory and Linda L. Kozuch in Swiftwater, N.H.
December 16, 2000	Scott Alan Ingerson and Diane Mason in Manchester, N.H.

Deaths:

December 21, 1999	Irene Williams of Glencliff, N.H.
January 11, 2000	Gracia Boucher of Glencliff, N.H.
January 19, 2000	Ethel Mattson of Glencliff, N.H.
January 27, 2000	Iona V. Boutin of Benton, N.H.
February 3, 2000	Irene Yvonne Petron of Glencliff, N.H.
February 16, 2000	Corliss C. Greenwood, Jr. of Glencliff, N.H.
April 3, 2000	Rose A. Leaor of Glencliff, N.H.
May 23, 2000	Elsie Marion Woodbury of Glencliff, N.H.
August 24, 2000	Lucille M. Knott of Benton, N.H.
September 3, 2000	Ian A. Reed of Glencliff, N.H.

Benton Cemetery Committee Minutes
Jan. 9, 2001
7:00 P.M.

Present: Marty Noble
Danny Elliott
Ken Kealy
Katie Elliott
Lyn Bandy

Absent: Veronica Saffo

At this point, telephone poles are not available for terracing a seating area between the old and the new cemetery. Ken will continue the search.

Marty reported that the cost of a wooden fence for the front of the proposed new cemetery and parking area (post & rail) would be approximately $400. There would be a post and chain division separating the parking area from the new cemetery. This estimated cost would be about $150. The front fence would involve 15 posts and thirty 10 foot rails, while the back would be 15 posts and either plastic chain or rope to the length of about 170 feet.

Due to the wetness of the land, Danny proposed using a roll of road fabric in the parking area. Cost would be $400 which would be included in the cost of road figures. The cost of a 55' X 140' parking area with a new culvert (30' to 40') and two spur roads in the new cemetery would be approximately $3,000.

The prep of the 80 new cemetery plots is between $4,000 and $5,000.

We will contact the electric company about having a street light put on the pole near the cemetery to provide lighting to the parking area.

With the $5,200 left over from the Y2K moneys available, we will be asking for $2,800 from the town to augment the cost of the project, giving the committee $8,000 to start and complete this undertaking. Much of the success of the task will depend on how much volunteer labor we can scrape up.

We will submit a warrant article for $2,800 at the Town Meeting, along with a schematic of the proposed cemetery/parking area.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 P.M.

Lyn Bandy

BENTON COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER
October 14, 2000

The committee to "Beautify Benton". recently formed by Veronica Saffo and Diane Roden, held it's first Annual Potluck Dinner in the Town Hall Building. The committee's first goal was to raise money to purchase enough new tables and chairs to accommodate any large community events. This was accomplished this spring, by having a yard and bake sale at the Town Hall with items and foods donated by residents. We received a lot of items and the sale lasted two days. A raffle was also held, with prizes donated by "The Car Laundry" in Woodsville, "The Coventry Garage" in Benton, "The Oliverian Campground" in Pike and Stephanie Saffo of Benton.

Enough money was raised from both the sale and the raffle to purchase 8, eight foot commercial grade folding tables and 60 folding chairs. A "Thankyou Potluck Dinner" was planned to thank everyone for their help with this and also to take time to thank some of the "Decaders" people who have served the town in its elected offices for 10 years or more.

The "Beautify Benton" committee is comprised of Veronica Saffo, Diane Roden, Debra McLean, Lyn Bandy, Stephanie Saffo, Debbie Boutin, Judy Richwagen and Lara Saffo. Also helping out that evening was Monica Douglas, Margie Christopher, Betty Nickles, Chelsea McKean, Samantha Waterhouse, Jessica and Olivia Elliott and Cheryl Cummings.

Soup, turkey, ham, pie and beverages were donated by individuals on the committee and rolls were purchased from the "P & H Truck Stop". John Elliott Jr. carved the turkeys and residents brought their favorite potluck dish. A count of 108 folks was taken at one point, but we know that more than that attended. We could not fit another dish on the buffet tables and had to set up the old tables outside to seat everyone. We wanted everyone to be together and especially wanted everyone to stay for our presentations. Daniel Elliott gave a beautiful blessing of the meal and the guest outside were called to the buffet first. After everyone had eaten, we removed the inside tables and brought in more chairs for the "Awards Ceremony".

Veronica announced the winners of the 50/50, the raffle and the door prizes, gave a brief history of the new committee and then asked for the memories/stories which had been requested in the invitations. Response was not forthcoming, so she put Scott Roden on the spot, asking him to tell the funny story of Benton's Trustess trip to the Lisbon Bank when their car was hit by manure from an overturned dump truck. Other stories were told by Jim Elliott, Sr., Betty Elliott Sawyer, Carol Miles, Steven Saffo, Stepahie Saffo and Veronica Saffo.

BENTON COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER
(Cont'd)

Veronica then spoke about each honoree and of their service to the town. Each person was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a small gift. The men were given hats and the ladies received coffee mugs, both with the message, "I Did My Time In Benton". There was applause and laughter. Some of the honorees were not at the dinner and sadly some have passed on. A plaque listing contributing "Decaders" is planned to be displayed in the Town Hall with space for additional names to be added in the future. Honored were:

Seraphine Harris, William Harris, Marjorie Robitzer, John Elliott, Jr., Catherine Elliott, Scott Roden, Kate Goodwin, Maxine Tyler, Helena Harris Smith, Stefan Cimikowski. Kenneth Kealey, Priscilla Boutin, Joseph Boutin, Jr., Laurie Elliott, Daniel Elliott

The Committee to Beautify Benton has a goal to bring back the community events to the Town Hall with social events for both young and old and to improve the appearance of the inside as well as the outside of the building with, perhaps, a flower garden in front. We would also like to bring back the type of Memorial Day celebration that used to be held here and to try a dance and a "Box Social". The committee has also started a "Memories, Stories and Photos Book" to document times in Benton. The book will be kept in the Town Hall for all to enjoy.

Submitted to the 2000 Benton Annual Report by the Committee to Beautify Benton

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Shawn McKean	Term Expires 2001
Alexandria Noble CHAIR	Term Expires 2002
Veronica Saffo	Term Expires 2003

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

John Elliott ..... Moderator
Maxine Tyler ..... Treasurer
Sharon Edwards ..... Auditor
Lyn Bandy ..... Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Linda J. Nelson
Dr. Howard R. Goodrow (Interim)

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Benton in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March 2001, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose one School Board Member, for a term of three years ending in 2004.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Adequate Education Grant together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. This Article is exclusive of any other Article on the Warrant. (The School Board recommends $340,262.00.)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to twelve thousand ($12,000) dollars to be added to the Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established and to designate the school board as agents to expend said fund. (The school board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 1st day of February 2001.

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Alexandria Noble, Chairperson

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Veronica Saffo

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Shawn McKean

BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 14, 2000

Time: 7:04 p.m.

Article 1:

To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

Moderator: John Elliott

Article 2:

To choose a clerk for the coming year.

Clerk: Lyn Bandy

Article 3:

To choose one Member of the School Board for a term of three years expiring in 2003.

School Board Member: Veronica Saffo

Article 4:

To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Treasurer: Maxine Tyler

Article 5:

To choose an auditor for the ensuing year.

Auditor: Sharon Edwards

Article 6:

To hear reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Passed over.

Article 7:

To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the payment of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be

raised by taxes by the town. This Article is exclusive of any other Article on the Warrant. (The school board recommends $340,615.00)

After a great deal of discussion in which SAU #23 was asked to improve communication with the Benton School Board and the Town of Benton regarding special education costs, catastrophic aid, and transportation which is eligible for inclusion under special education costs, Article 7 was moved and seconded, and the budget was passed by voice vote.

Article 8:

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to $12,000 to be added to the Benton Tuition and Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

The town requested that the school board investigate the wording of this article and the name of the trust fund so that the fund is set aside for special education costs only.

Article 8 was moved and seconded and accepted via voice vote.

Article 9:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Sharon Edwards moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded and passed by a voice vote at 8:08 p.m.

Lyn Bandy
Benton School District Clerk

Adjourned to town meeting at 8:08 p.m.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BENTON AND THE BENTON SCHOOL BOARD

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

It is with sincere pleasure that I submit my first annual school district report. I would like to discuss the following activities with you. I will discuss your school board's work over the last few months, the work of our professional and support staff, and some of the initiatives we wish to promote over the next few months. My six months in the district has provided me the occasion to listen and learn about the work our employees are doing. I have had many occasions to visit schools, classrooms, attend various school functions and to become a member of the community

Each month I have submitted an article to the local newspaper titled "THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER". I use the article to inform the communities about the activities that are taking place in the schools and to update you on some of the upcoming events that are taking place in your school district. I hope that by submitting the article on a regular and consistent basis it will assist all of us with communicating the work we are doing. I hope you find the article informative and if you wish me to pay more attention to a particular subject or topic, I would be happy to attempt to accommodate your requests.

One of the first activities that needed to be addressed when I arrived was to have each school board develop board goals. We developed board goals during the month of September and adopted the goals in October of this school year. Board goals assist us in focusing on where we are going. It will sometimes drive the decisions we make. Board goals become the anchoring document when we are questioned as to why we have proposed a particular program and the related cost. Board goals also assist us with approaching issues in a systemic fashion, thereby not having us react to a problem, but work collaboratively in resolving the conflict or issue.

BENTON BOARD GOALS

GOAL:

The Benton School Board wishes to have a better understanding of the New Hampshire statewide assessment results for the Benton students.

OBJECTIVE:

- The administrators who have the test results for grades 3,6,10 for the Benton students will send them to parents with the intention of inviting parents to a presentation to further explain the test results.
  (December 2000)

GOAL:

The Benton School Board wishes to improve the collaboration between the schools, thereby assisting in the transition between the elementary, middle and high school.

OBJECTIVE:

- The administrators for the Haverhill School District will continue to formalize their communication among each other by meeting at least once per month. The administrators will be intentional in discussing how they will assist the faculty, parents and students as they transition to each facility within the Haverhill Cooperative School District. (School Year 2000-2001)

Each school board will be examining and assessing their goals through the leadership of the superintendent, principal and the New Hampshire School Board Association this spring.

We have aggressively pursued analyzing the NHEIAP test results completed in May of 2000, which were received this past October. Each school principal and/or guidance counselor organized a presentation with the school board, faculty and parents of students in grades 3, 6, and 10. While the attendance was light by the parents and citizens, we presented the results with the critical eye toward any necessary revisions to the curriculum objectives. The plan here is to make sure that we are teaching the necessary learning objective and in the correct grade. If you have not had the opportunity to receive the information that was presented to your community, I would urge you

to speak with your school principal so he/she may gather the information for you.

It is my intention to have members of the SAU faculty work on continuing to review our test results. It is important not only to revise our curriculum based on the New Hampshire Assessment, but also to analyze the standardized tests we implement during the academic year. Unfortunately, we do not receive the results of the tests before school dismisses in the spring. Therefore, for effective change to occur it is imperative we analyze the results and begin to incorporate appropriate changes in a more timely fashion. This is why it is my intention to have some members of the faculty working in teams this summer on the districts curriculum. I submitted a summer curriculum plan to the SAU Board in January for their review, describing the types of activities the faculty will be participating in this summer.

I also want to recognize the work of the Curriculum Advisory Committee that has been in existence for almost ten years. This committee represented by faculty, administration and a board member present to the SAU Board their recommendations for adoption of an appropriate curriculum. This year the SAU Board will be asked to approve the World Language and Language Arts Curriculum. It is also anticipated that we will ask the board to approve the Social Studies Curriculum. While continuing the curriculum work this summer, we will have members of the faculty working on revising the Math and Science Curriculum. The guidance counselors in the district are also working on their curriculum and that document may not see the SAU Board until the fall of 2001. As you can see, we have a lot of work to cover over the next few months.

Our faculty continues to participate in professional development activities for improving classroom instruction. In collaboration with the Orange East Supervisory Union located in Bradford, Vermont, our faculty is learning how to improve their instructional practices through a class titled Understanding Teaching I. This class was developed through the research of Jon Saphier and Bob Gower who also established an organization dedicated to the professionalization of teaching, titled Research for Better Teaching. We will be hosting a class this June for the remaining faculty to participate. It is our intention that by June of 2001 all of the professional faculty will have participated in this class and any new faculty will be required to take the class this fall. I should inform you that the district administrators have also participated in the class. In 2002 there will be another session titled Understanding Teaching II, and we will once again collaborate with Orange East Supervisory Union.

We are in the process of rewriting the Professional Development Master Plan. The plan must reflect the changes promulgated by the State Board of Education for the recertification of the professional faculty. The Master Plan will incorporate building and district goals, which will be reflected in the professional development growth plan each teacher must write and have approved by their building principal. We will also have a professional development committee that will, among other assignments, begin to plan professional development activities for the faculty.

During the development of our SAU budget, I found it necessary to increase the time and effort of our Director of Special Education. Currently the position is halftime. It is my intention to have the position increase to full time, with a day being dedicated to the supervision of the pre-school program. Ms. Deb Smith, who is serving in the dual role of half time pre-school teacher and half time director, will fill the role of full time director starting in July of 2001. We will be searching for a candidate as accomplished as Ms. Smith to fill the position of pre-school teacher in the fall.

We are also commencing with the search for a third speech pathologist to serve the school districts. We currently have two speech aides assisting the two pathologists. If we are successful with locating a third pathologist, we will not utilize the model of having speech assistants providing direct service. We have contracted special services through NCEF for many years and we will continue to do so however, the school psychologist is a service we will attempt to hire as opposed to contracting. If we are successful, we will be able to better control the delivery of the services as opposed to contracting it from outside the area.

I must commend the faculty and other agencies for their aggressiveness in obtaining and being awarded a grant. We received approval of a Goals 2000 Grant that Mr. Brent Walker, WHS Assistant Principal, had crafted. The grant primarily addressed the professional needs of the district guidance counselors. NCEF received a Technology Grant, which will provide to Woodsville High School the ability to do video conferencing, among other activities. We have the technology committee working on the revision of our technology plan; the current plan expires in June of 2001. Glen Page (WHS) and other collaborators have applied for the Round 5 Technology Grant. WES Principal, David James, received a Literacy Grant from NCEF. The HCMS staff and administration was awarded a grant to support the Young Authors Literacy Program. These awards have assisted the school district and the students by improving some of the expressed needs in the district.

In closing, I wish to let you know that I have received a very warm welcome from the community and I am once again enjoying the community that I have been away from for some time. It is nice to come back to the North Country. You should know that we have dedicated faculty, support staff, administration and school board who are committed to providing an equitable education to your children and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Moccia C.A.S.
Superintendent of Schools

School Administrative Unit #23
Report of the Superintendent's and Business Administrator's Salaries

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expenses is prorated among the school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of SAU #23, during the 2000-2001 school year, will receive a salary of $67,788. (This amount is prorated and includes $1,500 moving expenses) The Interim Superintendent, during July and August, received a payment of $7,500. These positions are prorated among the school districts. There is no Assistant Superintendent or Business Administrator position at SAU 23 at this time.

The table below shows the pro-ration of the salary to each school district:

Superintendent Salary		
Bath	$8,751.43	12.91%
Benton	$1,281.19	1.89%
Haverhill Cooperative	$43,411.44	64.04%
Piermont	$7,626.15	11.25%
Warren	$6,717.79	9.91%
TOTAL	$67,788.00	

Interim Superintendent July - August		
Bath	$968.25	12.91%
Benton	$141.75	1.89%
Haverhill Cooperative	$4,803.00	64.04%
Piermont	$843.75	11.25%
Warren	$743.25	9.91%
TOTAL	$7,500.00	

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 2001-2002 PROJECTED REVENUES

1320	Tuition - French Pond	$170,732
1321	Tuition -French Pond Summer School	$6,616
1950	Itinerants	$73,999
1951	Technology Coordinator	$31,826
1951	Hav. PreSchool Coordinator	$10,433
1510	Interest	$2,947
1951	Speech/ Language	$97,813
5210	Transfer from Fund 2	$2,697
	Use of Fund Balance	$10,000
	Total Other Revenue Fund I	$407,063
1111	ASSESSMENT	$426,673
	TOTAL FUND 1	**$833,736**
	Fund 2 Grant Revenue	$134,823
	TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE	**$968,559**

SAU 23 DISTRICT	2000-01 PERCENTAGE	2000-01 APPORTIONMENT	2001-2002 PERCENTAGE	2001-2002 APPORTIONMENT	2001-2002 DIFFERENCE
BATH	12.91%	50,194	11.98%	51,115	921
BENTON	1.89%	7,351	2.38%	10,155	2,804
HAVERHILL	64.04%	249,125	66.28%	282,799	33,674
PIERMONT	11.25%	43,757	9.95%	42,454	(1,303)
WARREN	9.91%	38,526	9.41%	40,150	1,624
TOTAL	100.00%	388,953	100.00%	426,673	37,720
$25,000 of fund balance used to reduce assessment			$10,000 of fund balance used to reduce assessment		

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23 2001-2002 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND		1999-2000 EXPENSES	2000-01 BUDGET	2001-2002 BUDGET	2001-2002 ASSESSMENT	DIFFERENCE
1100	Itinerant Teachers	$56,164.25	$75,295	$73,999	$0	($1,296)
1230	French Pond School	$125,982.92	$137,883	$170,732	$0	$32,849
1435	FPS Summer School	$6,095.55	$6,223	$6,616	$0	$393
2150	Speech and Audiology	$83,029.21	$95,402	$95,321	$0	($80)
2159	Speech - Summer School	$0.00	$2,419	$2,492	$0	$73
2212	Curriculum Development	$1,331.67	$0	$0	$0	$0
2213	Instructional Staff Training	$1,399.65	$2,000	$0	$0	($2,000)
2220	Technology Coordinator		$0	$31,826	$0	$31,826
2311	School Board	$682.58	$1,492	$1,492	$1,492	$0
2313	SAU Treasurer	$2,153.00	$2,454	$2,454	$2,454	$0
2317	Audit	$2,250.00	$2,700	$2,500	$2,500	($200)
2318	Legal	$6,607.70	$500	$500	$500	$0
2321	Superintendent's Office	$344,617.43	$310,195	$305,829	$305,829	($4,366)
2330	Instructional Support Services	$61,330.01	$75,792	$104,725	$104,725	$28,933
2540	Community Relations	$2,593.71	$2,300	$2,050	$2,050	($250)
2620	Operation of Buildings	$20,000.00	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	$0
2640	Care and Upkeep Equipment	$14,686.17	$15,220	$13,200	$13,200	($2,020)
2832	Recruitment	$2,471.56	$0	$0	$0	$0
4600	Building Improvements	$5,331.60	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		$736,727.01	$749,875	$833,736	$452,750	$83,861
				less use of fund balance	($10,000)	
			less interest, grant transfer revenue for Hav. Preschool coord.		($16,077)	
ASSESSMENT FROM DISTRICTS					**$426,673**	

FUND 2 FEDERAL GRANTS	1999-2000 EXPENSES	2000-01 BUDGET	2001-02 BUDGET	ASSESSMENT	DIFFERENCE
Title I	$320,513.96	$328,116	$0		($328,116)
Title II Math and Science	$8,974.61	$15,049	$15,049		$0
Title VI Innovative Education	$6,666.37	$14,292	$0		($14,292)
Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools	$2,650.68	$7,566	$0		($7,566)
IDEA funds	$123,950.16	$91,774	$119,774		($91,750)
FUND 2 FEDERAL GRANTS TOTAL	$462,755.78	$456,797	$134,823	$0	($321,974)
SAU BUDGET TOTAL	**$1,199,482.79**	**$1,206,672**	**$968,559**	**$426,673**	**($238,113)**

Note: Most of grant reduction due to grants being written directly to the school districts, not through the SAU budget

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROJECTED REVENUES 2001-2002

		1999-2000 ACTUAL	2000-01 CURRENT	2001-2002 PROJECTED	+/-
Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes		58,885.00	642	40,000	39,358
Local					
1111	District Appropriation	(11,623.00)	110,922	108,766	(2,156)
1510	Interest	1,245.04	1,000	1,200	200
1980	Refund from Prior Year	339.30			
State					
3110	State Adequacy Funding	197,690.00	197,690	*163,299*	(34,391)
3241	Vocational Education Tuition	2,850.00	1,650	-	(1,650)
3242	Vocational Transportation	476.00	236	-	(236)
3230	Catastrophic Aid	-	16,478	-	(16,478)
Federal					
4810	National Forest Reserve	17,996.67	17,997	17,997	-
4580	Medicaid Reimbursement	9,292.65	6,000	9,000	3,000
	Transfer from Expendable Trust	41,637.65			
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET		**318,789.31**	**352,615**	**340,262**	(12,353)
	Proposed Warrant Article			12,000	
TOTAL BUDGET AND ARTICLES		**318,789.31**	**352,615**	**352,262**	(353)

SCHOOL TAX RATE

		ACTUAL 2000	PROJECTED 2001		
local property Tax Rate		10.73	$10.52	$10,336	= $1.00
State property Tax Rate		6.58	$6.58	$9,118	= $1.00
	Budget	**$17.31**	**$17.10**	($0.21)	
Tuition and Special Ed. Trust Article	$12,000	tax impact	$1.16		
Estimated tax rate with Budget and Warrant Article			**$18.26**	$0.95	

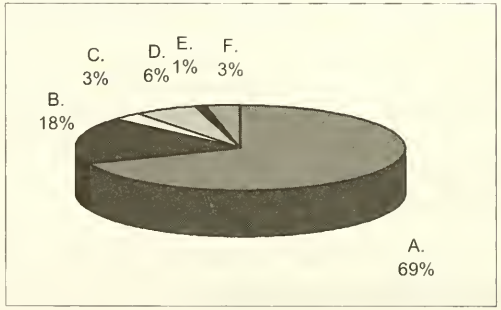
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET SUMMARY

		Expenditures 1999-2000	Budget 2000-2001	Proposed Budget 2001-2002	Difference
A. Instruction					
1100	Regular Programs	227,785.00	247,950.00	242,550.00	-5,400.00
1300	Vocational Education	2,200.00	5,350.00	0.00	-5,350.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION		**229,985.00**	**253,300.00**	**242,550.00**	**-10,750.00**
B. Special Education					
1200	Special Programs	30,131.21	36,025.00	53,300.00	17,275.00
1430	Summer School	0.00	675.00	675.00	0.00
2150	Speech and Audiology	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2159	Speech - Summer School	0.00	360.00	360.00	0.00
2162	Physical Therapy	3,190.00	3,780.00	3,320.00	-460.00
2163	Occupational Therapy	1,865.00	1,512.00	2,960.00	1,448.00
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		**35,186.21**	**42,352.00**	**62,115.00**	**19,763.00**
C. SAU Services					
2321	Office of the Superintendent	6,867.00	7,351.00	10,351.00	3,000.00
TOTAL SAU SERVICES		**6,867.00**	**7,351.00**	**10,351.00**	**3,000.00**
D. Transportation					
2721	To and From School	15,130.00	15,450.00	18,455.00	3,005.00
2722	Handicapped	27,035.09	17,552.00	2,100.00	-15,452.00
2723	Vocational	476.00	476.00	476.00	0.00
2729	Summer School Handicappe	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION		**42,641.09**	**33,828.00**	**21,381.00**	**-12,447.00**

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET SUMMARY (Continued)

		Expenditures 1999-2000	Budget 2000-2001	Proposed Budget 2001-2002	+/-
E. School Board					
2311	School Board	3,512.63	3,327.00	3,323.00	-4.00
2313	Treasurer	433.59	256.00	326.00	70.00
2314	Election and District Meeting	0.00	71.00	86.00	15.00
2317	Audit	1,250.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
2318	Legal Fees	84.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD		**5,280.22**	**3,784.00**	**3,865.00**	**81.00**
BUDGET BEFORE WARRANT ARTICLE			**340,615.00**	**340,262.00**	**-353.00**
F. Fund Transfers					
5252	Transfer to Expendable Trus	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS		**12,000.00**	**12,000.00**	**12,000.00**	**0.00**
TOTAL BUDGET & ARTICLES		**331,959.52**	**352,615.00**	**352,262.00**	**-353.00**

PROPOSED BUDGET DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY



A.	**Instruction**	242,550.00
B.	**Special Ed.**	62,115.00
C.	**SAU Services**	10,351.00
D.	**Transportation**	21,381.00
E.	**School Board**	3,865.00
F.	**Fund Transfers**	12,000.00
	TOTAL	**352,262.00**

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
PREVIOUS TWO FISCAL YEARS PER RSA 32:11-a

		Actual 1998-1999	Actual 1999-2000
Special Education Expenses			
1200	Special Programs	1,664.36	30,131.21
1430	Summer School	713.88	-
2150	Speech and Audiology	0.00	0.00
2159	Speech - Summer School	0.00	0.00
2162	Physical Therapy	1,245.00	3,190.00
2163	Occupational Therapy	495.00	1,865.00
2722	Special Transportation	2,546.29	27,035.09
2729	Summer School Transportation	167.28	-
Total Expenses		**6,831.81**	**62,221.30**
Special Education Revenue			
3110	SPED portion of State Adequacy	-	16,005.00
3230	Catastrophic Aid	187.00	-
4580	Medicaid	4,514.00	9,292.65
Total Revenues		**4,701.00**	**25,297.65**
District Cost for Special Education		**2,130.81**	**36,923.65**
IDEA Entitlement Funds			
	Part A - Preschool	-	-
	Part B - Special Education	2,000.00	2,705.00
	(Combined to provide SAU-wide psychological services paid for through SAU 23)		

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON

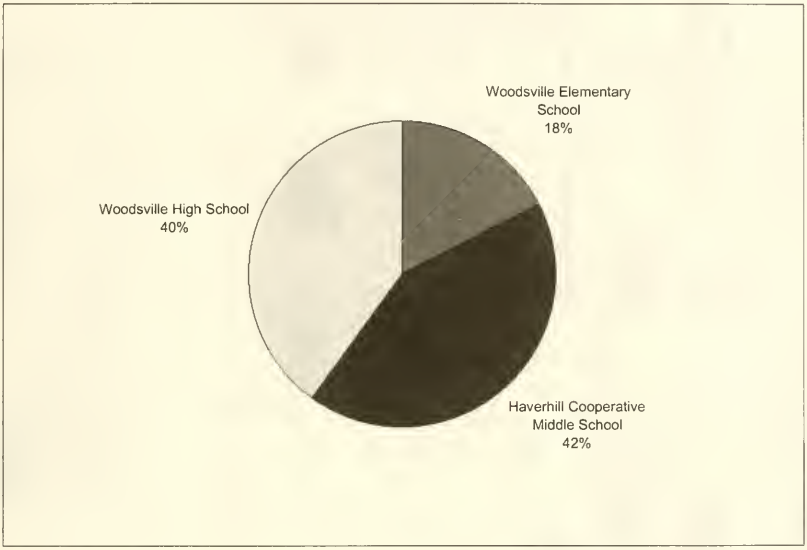
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1999 TO JUNE 30, 2000

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1999	$35,385.20
Total revenues received	303,705.32
Total School Board Orders Paid	331,867.58
Cash Balance on Hand June 30, 2000	$7,222.94

Maxine Tyler, School District Treasurer

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2000-2001 (as of December 31, 2000)
STUDENTS TUITIONED TO HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

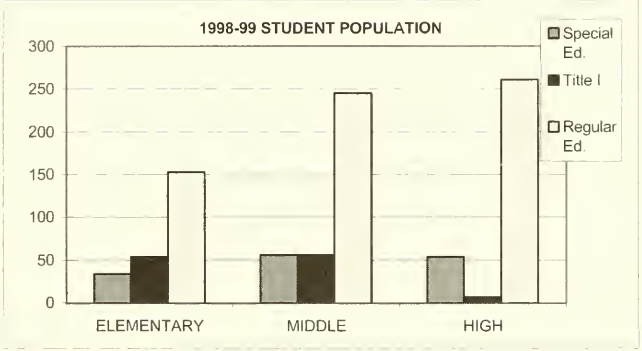
	TOTAL
Woodsville Elementary School	7
Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	17
Woodsville High School	16
TOTAL	40



HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT POPULATION

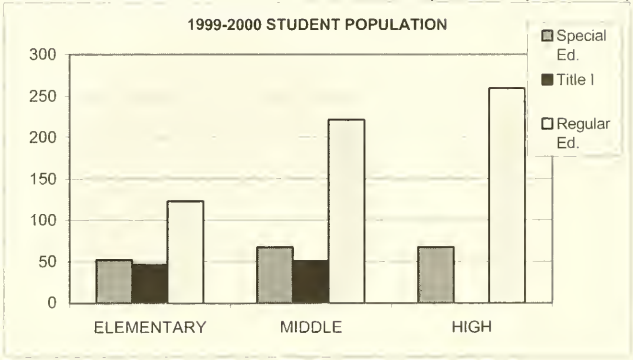
1998-1999

	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH
Special Ed.	34	56	54
Title I	54	56	7
Regular Ed.	153	245	261
TOTAL STUDENTS	241	357	322



1999-2000

	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH
Special Ed.	52	67	67
Title I	46	51	0
Regular Ed.	123	221	259
TOTAL STUDENTS	221	339	326



PRESCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVING SERVICES	1998-1999
Total Preschool	31
Special Ed.	3
Title I	28

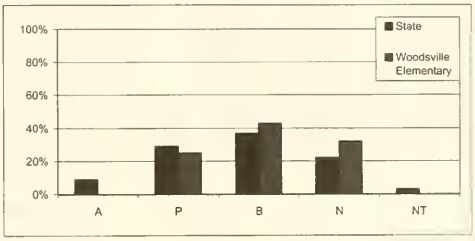
PRESCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVING SERVICES	1999-2000
Total Preschool	26
Special Ed.	3
Title I	23

HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
THIRD GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

Language Arts

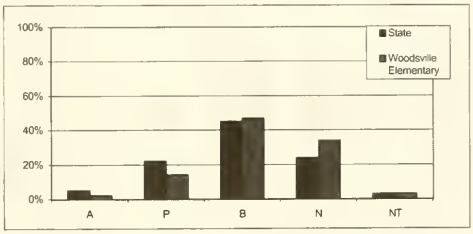
2000

		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	9%	0%
Proficient	P	29%	25%
Basic	B	37%	43%
Novice	N	22%	32%
Not Tested	NT	3%	0%



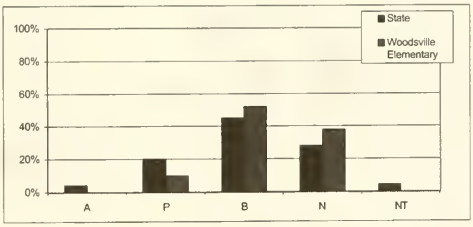
1999

		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	5%	2%
Proficient	P	22%	14%
Basic	B	45%	47%
Novice	N	24%	34%
Not Tested	NT	3%	3%



1998

		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	4%	0%
Proficient	P	20%	10%
Basic	B	45%	52%
Novice	N	28%	38%
Not Tested	NT	4%	0%

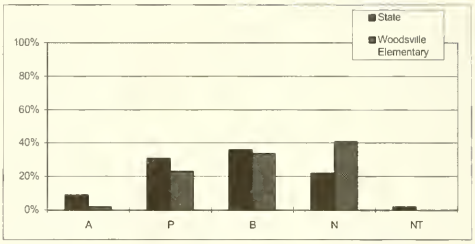


HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
THIRD GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES

Mathematics

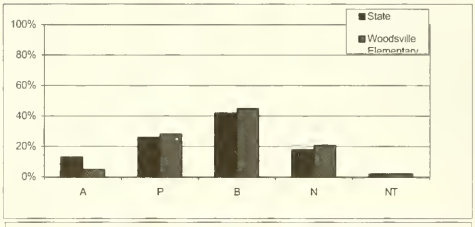
2000

		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	9%	2%
Proficient	P	31%	23%
Basic	B	36%	34%
Novice	N	22%	41%
Not Tested	NT	2%	0%



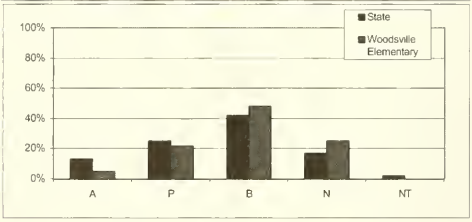
1999

		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	13%	5%
Proficient	P	26%	28%
Basic	B	42%	45%
Novice	N	18%	21%
Not Tested	NT	2%	2%



1998

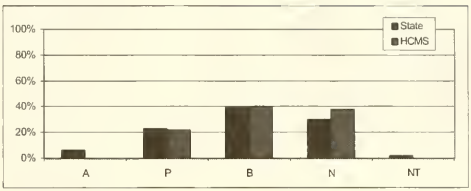
		State	Woodsville Elementary
Advanced	A	13%	5%
Proficient	P	25%	22%
Basic	B	42%	48%
Novice	N	17%	25%
Not Tested	NT	2%	0%



HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SIXTH GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES
2000

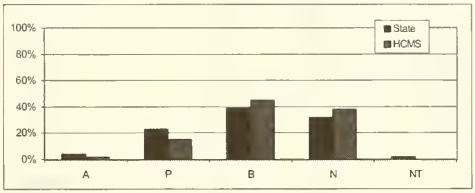
Language Arts

		State	HCMS
Advanced	A	6%	0%
Proficient	P	23%	22%
Basic	B	39%	40%
Novice	N	30%	38%
Not Tested	NT	2%	0%



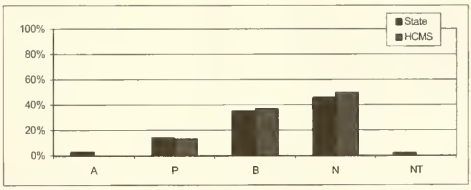
Mathematics

		State	HCMS
Advanced	A	4%	2%
Proficient	P	23%	15%
Basic	B	39%	45%
Novice	N	32%	38%
Not Tested	NT	2%	0%



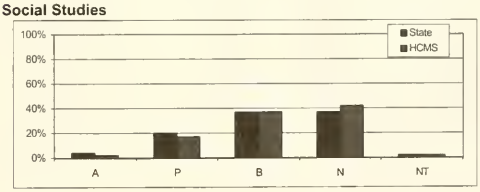
Science

		State	HCMS
Advanced	A	3%	0%
Proficient	P	14%	13%
Basic	B	35%	37%
Novice	N	46%	50%
Not Tested	NT	2%	0%



Social Studies

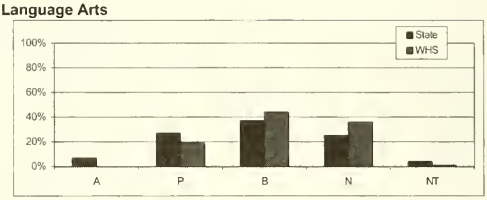
		State	HCMS
Advanced	A	4%	2%
Proficient	P	20%	17%
Basic	B	37%	37%
Novice	N	37%	42%
Not Tested	NT	2%	2%



HAVERHILL COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TENTH GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT SCORES
2000

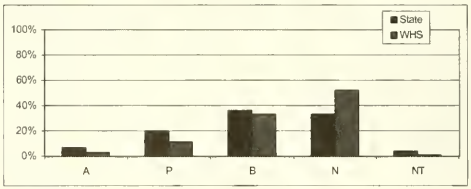
Language Arts

		State	WHS
Advanced	A	7%	0%
Proficient	P	27%	19%
Basic	B	37%	44%
Novice	N	25%	36%
Not Tested	NT	4%	1%



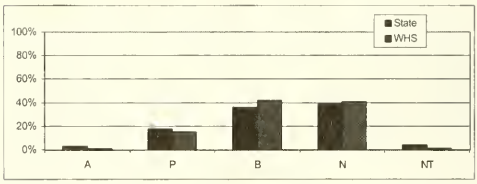
Mathematics

		State	WHS
Advanced	A	7%	3%
Proficient	P	20%	11%
Basic	B	36%	33%
Novice	N	33%	52%
Not Tested	NT	4%	1%



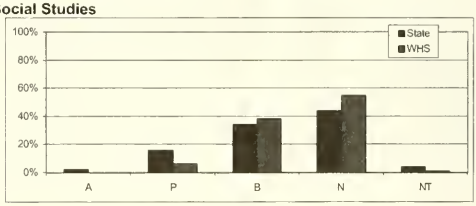
Science

		State	WHS
Advanced	A	3%	1%
Proficient	P	18%	15%
Basic	B	36%	42%
Novice	N	39%	41%
Not Tested	NT	4%	1%



Social Studies

		State	WHS
Advanced	A	2%	0%
Proficient	P	16%	6%
Basic	B	34%	38%
Novice	N	44%	55%
Not Tested	NT	4%	1%



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